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Examiner:

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Title: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE EQUIPPED WITH FUEL CELL AND  
METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAMERECEIVED  
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b))

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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. Enclosed for the Examiner's information is a copy of the Japanese Office Action. Applicants note that reference WO 01/80286, also listed in the office action, was previously cited to or by the Examiner. At least some of the references were recently cited in a Japanese Office Action mailed February 9, 2005.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449. Also, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) or § 1.97(d), the undersigned hereby certifies that each item of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application within three months of filing this statement. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(d), the undersigned also hereby certifies that each item listed on the enclosed Form 1449 was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application, and that this communication was not received by any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than

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thirty (30) days prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. Accordingly, no patent term adjustment is due for the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

A copy of any foreign patent document or "Other Document" listed on the Form 1449 is enclosed, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). Because this application was filed after June 30, 2003, copies of the U.S. Patents and U.S. patent publications listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are not provided.

A concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language document or other information is as follows (37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)):

US 5,945,712 and US 6,022,765 are English equivalents of JP 10-70281, US 5,650,650 is an English equivalent of JP 6-244416 and US 6,255,731 is an English equivalent of JP 11-103035. English abstracts have been included for JP 8-18015 and JP 8-18009.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. No. 13-2725.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	5,650,650	July, 1997	Ohmi, et al.			
	5,945,712	August, 1999	Kim			
	6,022,765	February, 2000	Kim			
	6,255,731	July, 2001	Ohmi, et al.			
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION
						YES
	6-244416	September, 1994	Japan			
	8-18009	January, 1996	Japan			Abstract
	8-18015	January, 1996	Japan			Abstract
	10-70281	March, 1998	Japan			
	11-103035	April, 1999	Japan			
OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)						

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